

# Change Treatment of Prisoners, Plan of Chamber of Commerce

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ROBERT N. HARPER,

President of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, Who Advocates Rearrangement of Penal Institutions of the District of Columbia.

## President Harper Makes Study of Improved Penal Institutions of Country.

## Reformation and Not Re- venge the Object of Punishment of Criminals.

An entire rearrangement of the penal institutions of the District of Columbia so as to make Washington stand in the van of cities with respect to her treatment of criminals and those accused of crime, is to be the object of serious endeavor on the part of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, if the present plans of President Robert N. Harper are carried out.

He proposes to urge the following reforms for the District:

### Give Judges Power.

New laws which shall give local judges more power to use their discretion in sentencing offenders, with the primary object in view of reformation of the criminal.

To remove the present jail and workhouse to a point farther from the residence section of the city and there to erect also a prison that will amply accommodate not only those who are sent to the jail and workhouse, but also those now sent to the penitentiary in West Virginia.

### Considers It a Duty.

Mr. Harper believes the Chamber of Commerce has a large duty to perform to all the residents of the District, not the least part of which is to see to it that Washington shall not remain behind other cities and States in its method of caring for moral delinquents. He has been devoting much time during the past month to a study of penal conditions in Washington and in other cities and States, with the result that he now believes that the Capital City of the nation is far behind the lead of others in this respect; so far behind, in fact, that he thinks the time has come for leading Washington citizens to bring pressure to bear upon Congress at its next session to frame new laws extending the present classification of criminals and sentences for crime, and providing better facilities for caring for those sentenced to imprisonment by the District courts.

No better organization, in his opinion, for bringing pressure to bear upon Congress exists than the Chamber of Commerce.

### Studies Systems.

Mr. Harper was asked whether the Chamber would undertake to bring pressure to bear upon Congress to correct conditions relating to the care of criminals, and replied that he hoped his would be done. He said:

"I have given more or less thought to this subject during the past year, and have made some suggestions as to the methods pursued in many of what might truthfully be termed the more progressive States, as to the laws and customs obtaining in them. I find that it is not only an interesting subject, but one which is likely to receive more and more serious consideration as attention is given to it."

"Our conditions here in Washington are very peculiar and unique, different from those of any State or Territory known of. We have a jail where some 100, or five hundred prisoners are kept, apparently for the purpose of fattening

or resting up for further operations in their line. We also have a workhouse for another class of offenders. Then we have our penitentiary prisoners who are sent to West Virginia for their keeping. I am informed that we have about 375 convicts at Moundsville, which is practically half as many as West Virginia has of her own."

### Sent to Another State.

"In the first place I have never understood why we send our penitentiary prisoners to another State for keeping, unless it is for the reason that we have not enough of them to warrant a penitentiary of our own. This may be true, but I know of no good reason why we should not build a jail and a penitentiary as one, and in this building confine both classes of our criminals."

"In my judgment the present location of our jail could not meet such requirements in a practical way. It should, with other buildings of like nature, be removed. It is damaging to that section of the city, which is annually improving as a residential part of the city. The ground it occupies could no doubt be sold for enough to purchase a more desirable and much larger tract for such purposes. With this sold we could secure ample ground just inside the District limits and near the railroad, and upon this erect a building, suitable for both classes of criminals, upon a plan by which additions may be made from time to time as necessities may demand, so that at all times to come there would be at least one cell for each criminal, and thereby remove the possible necessity of placing a first offender with a hardened criminal."

### Object Reformation.

Reformation, not vengeance, is the object that should be sought in dealing with every kind of criminal, according to Mr. Harper's ideas. With a jail crowded to twice its capacity, making it impossible to discriminate between prisoners, hardened criminals or first offenders, convicted or accused, with a system of law under which judges are prevented from ameliorating conditions, Mr. Harper sees a very difficult problem to solve, but says:

"With our hardened class of criminals all provided for within our own domain, we would then be given an opportunity to deal in a practical way with the first offender in crime, with reformation in view under what is known as the 'indeterminate sentence.' I am informed that this has worked admirably in those States where it has been put to a practical test."

### Parole Prisoners.

"In Missouri the trial judges of that State have the power under their criminal code to parole the prisoner where the crime is a first offense, and the previous character of the prisoner has been good."

"Illinois has a similar reformatory for young men with an indeterminate sentence feature attached, with the power of parole resting in a board of managers."

"Ohio has a similar institution. So has Indiana, New York, Massachusetts, and no doubt others, but from these States I have direct information as to the satisfactory working of the institutions."

"In each of these the sentences are for the first offender only and the ages range from sixteen to thirty years. Some of these States have several reformatories, all, of course, conducted upon the same general rule."

"Under the old system of criminology the criminals were sent to prison to associate with old, or hardened, offenders for a fixed or definite term and be released at the end of that period, possibly no better, from a moral standpoint, and frequently worse than when they went in. I am sorry to say that this is still true of the District of Columbia."

"Under the reformatory system they have their minds and bodies trained with the object of making them reformatory, and when released they are supposed to be morally cured, as a patient from a hospital is supposed to be physically cured when released from that institution."

"As to the indeterminate sentence, the fear which has been in the minds

of confinement, is not as shown by experience. The time when the prisoner is subject to parole by the board of managers is just as indefinite as the discharge of a patient from the hospital. He is paroled under the strictest rules by the board of managers, when morally cured."

"The seriousness of the problem was well pointed out in the Times Wednesday in an editorial in which the warden of the central prison, of Ontario, was quoted as saying that twenty-four hours' contact with the habitual criminal is sufficient to ruin the young and first offender."

"Do not, however, imagine for a moment that I am disposed to look lightly upon the 'first offender' criminal. I am in favor, and believe such the duty of every good citizen, of bringing before the bars of justice everyone who is guilty of an offense against the laws of his State or country, but at the same time I am not blind to the reasoning for giving all a chance to redeem themselves, and lead a life of usefulness as good citizens."

Justice Wendell P. Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, also has the betterment of penal conditions in the District very much at heart. He says, "A nation must be judged by the way it treats its helpless and criminals."

In speaking of the jail here, he says: "We have a jail intended for 300, where almost twice that number are confined, two or three crowded in a room, accused and convicted alike, no modern plumbing, the calls of nature answered in the cell, and out of twenty-four hours of sleep and sleep thirty minutes of exercise."

### Suggestions Made.

Judge Stafford has given the subject much study, and makes four suggestions which, he believes, would remedy the present evil conditions, if adopted by Congress. They are:

"An ample and sanitary jail, with careful separation of the convicted and accused."

"A probation system for adults as well as children."

"A reformatory in place of the old, hopelessly prison."

"An indeterminate sentence permitting the guarded and conditional release of the reformed and the perpetual detention of the incorrigible."

### Warden Harris Here.

Warden Harris, of the United States Jail in this city, is now preparing a report for submission to the Attorney General, in which, he states, he will make recommendations that are the result of twenty-five years' experience in connection with penal institutions. Mr. Harris corroborates statements of Mr. Harper and Judge Stafford in regard to the jail, but he is powerless to make any reforms. All we can do, without further legislation, is to keep the jail in as sanitary condition as possible, which he well succeeds in, as any visitor to the jail may ascertain for himself.

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